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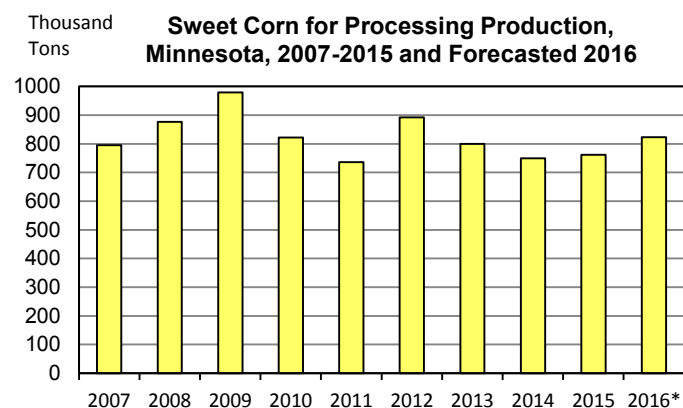
The 2016 contract production of sweet corn for processing is forecast to increase in Minnesota when compared with the previous year, while green peas for processing is expected to decrease. Contracted processing sweet corn production is forecast to be up 8 percent to 823,200 tons. This is a result of an 8,800 acre increase in contracted acreage, and, if realized, would be the highest production since 2012. Green peas for processing yields are predicted to be down 9 percent from last year's record high, resulting in a drop in production from 112,450 tons last year to 102,124 tons this year.

Nationally, contracted sweet corn production is forecast at 2.56 million tons, up 7 percent from last year. Contracted production of processed green peas, at 314,880 tons, is expected to be down 23 percent from the previous year.

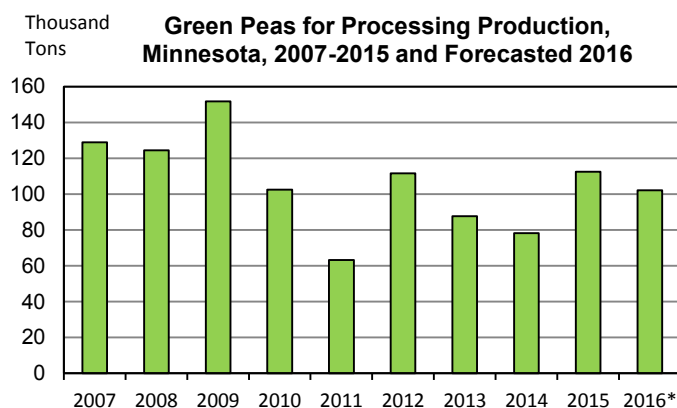
Processing Vegetables Acreage, Yield, & Production – Minnesota and United States: 2015 and Forecasted 2016

Crop	Harvested			Yield		Production		
	2015		2016	2015	2016	2015		2016
	Total	Contract ¹	Contract ¹	Total	Contract ¹	Total	Contract ¹	Contract ¹
	(acres)			(tons)				
MINNESOTA								
Green peas	48,500	48,500	48,400	2.32	2.11	112,450	112,450	102,124
Sweet corn	103,200	103,200	112,000	7.38	7.35	761,320	761,320	823,200
UNITED STATES								
Green peas	166,200	166,200	141,200	2.47	2.23	411,320	411,320	314,880
Sweet corn	307,500	292,600	299,380	8.09	8.55	2,488,110	2,398,850	2,558,551

1. Includes acreage from major brokers.



*Forecasted August 2016. Includes contract acres only.



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CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Minnesota for all feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 145,000 head on July 1, 2016. This is down 6 percent from last month but up 3 percent from last year. **Placements** during June totaled 12,000 head, down 2,000 head from last month and down 5,000 head from last year. **Marketings** for June were 20,000 head, up 3,000 head from last month and up 2,000 head from last year. **Other disappearance** totaled 1,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.4 million head on July 1, 2016. The inventory was 1 percent above July 1, 2015. The inventory included 6.87 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 66 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.49 million head, up 5 percent from 2015.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.53 million head, 3 percent above 2015. Net placements were 1.46 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 290,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 255,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 340,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 640,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.91 million head, 9 percent above 2015.

Other disappearance totaled 61,000 head during June, 12 percent below 2015.

Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – Selected States and United States: 2015-2016

State	Cattle on feed ¹ July 1			Placements during June			Marketings during June			June disappearance other than slaughter ²		
	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15
	(1,000 head)		(percent)	(1,000 head)		(percent)	(1,000 head)		(percent)	(1,000 head)		(percent)
Arizona	240	286	119	28	19	68	25	27	108	1	6	600
California	460	425	92	45	58	129	40	45	113	5	3	60
Colorado	830	850	102	80	105	131	125	140	112	15	5	33
Idaho	225	235	104	31	38	123	40	47	118	1	1	100
Iowa	640	610	95	67	54	81	76	72	95	1	2	200
Kansas	1,940	2,050	106	335	350	104	400	450	113	15	10	67
Minnesota	141	145	103	17	12	71	18	20	111	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,280	2,180	96	375	365	97	480	510	106	15	15	100
Oklahoma	260	310	119	38	42	111	52	51	98	1	1	100
South Dakota	230	235	102	28	24	86	26	36	138	2	3	150
Texas	2,480	2,550	103	375	380	101	385	430	112	10	10	100
Washington	215	195	91	30	41	137	44	40	91	1	1	100
Other States	295	285	97	32	37	116	36	44	122	1	3	300
United States	10,236	10,356	101	1,481	1,525	103	1,747	1,912	109	69	61	88

1. Cattle on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. It excludes cattle being "backgrounded only" for later sale as feeders or later placement in another feedlot.

2. Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – Selected States and United States: 2015-2016

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves		
	July 1, 2015	April 1, 2016	July 1, 2016	July 1, 2015	April 1, 2016	July 1, 2016
	(1,000 head)					
Arizona	236	294	280	4	9	6
California	425	400	380	35	20	45
Colorado	560	610	550	270	290	300
Idaho	150	165	155	75	75	80
Iowa	490	460	440	150	180	170
Kansas	1,030	1,200	1,070	910	980	980
Minnesota	126	139	124	15	21	21
Nebraska	1,570	1,620	1,430	710	820	750
Oklahoma	190	185	195	70	110	115
South Dakota	142	153	140	88	112	95
Texas	1,650	1,800	1,780	830	700	770
Washington	135	125	125	80	70	70
Other States	205	210	200	90	105	85
United States	6,909	7,361	6,869	3,327	3,492	3,487

CHICKENS & EGGS

Minnesota **egg production** during July 2016 was 246 million eggs, up 9 percent from last month, and up 22 percent from last year. The average number of **all layers on hand** during July 2016 was 9.97 million, up 2 percent from last month, and up 20 percent from last year. **Eggs per 100 layers** for July were 2,467, up 7 percent from last month, and up 2 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 8.50 billion during July 2016, up 9 percent from last year. Production included 7.36 billion table eggs, and 1.15 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 97 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2016 averaged 358 million, up 7 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,378 eggs, up 2 percent from July 2015.

All layers in the United States on August 1, 2016 totaled 357 million, up 7 percent from last year. The 357 million layers consisted of 299 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.82 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2016, averaged 77.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 3 percent from August 1, 2015.

Egg-type chicks hatched during July 2016 totaled 42.9 million, up slightly from July 2015. Eggs in incubators totaled 38.2 million on August 1, 2016, down 14 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 268 thousand during July 2016, up slightly from July 2015.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during July 2016 totaled 810 million, up 1 percent from July 2015. Eggs in incubators totaled 650 million on August 1, 2016, up slightly from a year ago. Leading breeders placed 7.96 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2016, up 7 percent from July 2015.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During July 2015 and 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals.]

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above		All layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Table egg production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 layers)				(eggs)		(million eggs)			
Alabama	1,512	1,491	9,449	9,004	1,990	1,932	188	174	40	36
Arkansas	3,913	3,803	13,479	13,719	2,077	2,107	280	289	98	99
California	11,438	11,458	11,941	11,975	2,286	2,438	273	292	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,093	3,771	4,576	4,225	2,601	2,533	119	107	(D)	(D)
Florida	8,533	7,868	8,926	8,291	2,319	2,400	207	199	202	194
Georgia	9,593	9,260	18,461	18,357	2,183	2,239	403	411	228	232
Illinois	4,215	4,678	4,689	5,159	2,261	2,636	106	136	101	131
Indiana	27,653	28,340	28,613	29,321	2,425	2,456	694	720	674	702
Iowa	32,448	50,782	33,593	52,128	2,307	2,388	775	1,245	758	1,223
Maryland	2,539	2,476	2,703	2,636	2,516	2,466	68	65	66	64
Michigan	12,852	12,814	13,069	13,052	2,433	2,498	318	326	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	7,854	9,528	8,314	9,971	2,418	2,467	201	246	194	240
Mississippi	1,536	1,438	5,801	5,601	2,103	2,125	122	119	39	36
Missouri	6,980	7,032	10,510	10,532	2,331	2,526	245	266	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	5,769	9,120	5,877	9,228	2,569	2,492	151	230	151	230
New York	4,567	5,349	4,927	5,713	2,578	2,503	127	143	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	6,831	6,632	14,747	14,227	2,089	2,165	308	308	158	164
Ohio	32,126	29,997	32,978	30,857	2,411	2,421	795	747	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,306	2,057	2,445	2,196	2,618	2,596	64	57	64	57
Pennsylvania	23,843	24,836	25,797	27,094	2,508	2,602	647	705	619	668
South Carolina	3,066	2,950	4,309	4,245	2,344	2,238	101	95	78	71
South Dakota	1,408	2,039	1,550	2,181	2,516	2,247	39	49	39	49
Texas	15,360	16,169	19,421	20,078	2,266	2,276	440	457	(D)	(D)
Utah	4,354	4,405	4,392	4,443	2,505	2,318	110	103	110	103
Virginia	1,113	1,260	2,836	3,022	2,080	2,184	59	66	27	33
Washington	7,162	6,789	7,327	6,954	2,470	2,459	181	171	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	3,527	4,756	4,267	5,445	2,484	2,406	106	131	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	19,028	18,949	28,253	27,946	2,304	2,312	651	646	509	509
United States	265,619	290,047	333,250	357,600	2,334	2,378	7,778	8,503	6,630	7,356

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. 1. Includes data for states not published in this table.

MONTHLY PRICES

The July 2016 average price received by farmers for **corn** in Minnesota was \$3.47 per bushel. This was down \$0.18 from both the June price and the July 2015 price.

The July 2016 average price received by farmers for **soybeans**, at \$10.00 per bushel, was up \$0.11 from the June price, and \$0.26 higher than the July 2015 price.

The July 2016 price for **spring wheat** was \$4.21 per bushel, down \$0.34 from June, and \$0.99 below July 2015.

All hay prices in Minnesota averaged \$61.00 per ton in July, down \$14.00 from the June price, and \$24.00 per ton less than July 2015. **Alfalfa hay** prices fell \$23.00 per ton from one year ago, to \$73.00, while **other hay** prices were \$20.00 per ton lower than last year, at \$49.00.

The July average price was \$16.80 per cwt for **milk**, up \$1.80 from June, but \$0.60 per cwt below one year ago.

Prices Received by Farmers - Minnesota and United States

	Minnesota			United States		
	July 2015	June 2016	July 2016	July 2015	June 2016	July 2016
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Barley, allbu	5.33	5.17	(D)	5.19	5.39	5.00
Beans, dry ediblecwt	26.10	26.60	31.20	27.50	29.80	31.90
Cornbu	3.65	3.65	3.47	3.80	3.82	3.60
Hay, all baledton	85.00	75.00	61.00	152.00	134.00	131.00
Alfalfaton	96.00	84.00	73.00	172.00	142.00	140.00
Otherton	69.00	53.00	49.00	120.00	116.00	113.00
Oatsbu	2.21	1.82	1.83	2.33	1.98	1.89
Potatoescwt	(S)	10.40	(S)	8.62	9.83	9.23
Soybeansbu	9.74	9.89	10.00	9.95	10.20	10.20
Spring wheatbu	5.20	4.55	4.21	5.15	4.61	4.48
Sunflowers, allcwt	24.70	21.80	21.10	26.40	20.10	18.90
Milk, allcwt	17.40	15.00	16.80	16.70	14.80	16.10

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

Livestock Prices Received by Farmers - United States

	July 2015	June 2016	July 2016
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
Calvescwt	275.00	168.00	145.00
Cattle, all beefcwt	149.00	125.00	119.00
Cows ¹cwt	113.00	80.90	81.50
Steers and heiferscwt	150.00	127.00	120.00
Hogs, allcwt	58.70	60.60	59.40
Barrows and giltscwt	59.50	61.00	60.10
Sowscwt	40.00	49.20	44.50
Eggs (market)doz	1.80	0.230	0.361

¹ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

